

House Resolution No. 430

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during her sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Verlene Karsten of Mound City, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of her Eightieth Birthday with a special family dinner on January 27, 2004; and

Whereas, on January 27, 1924, in Barnard, God brought a special gift to the Vandeventer family with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Verlene; and

Whereas, while celebrating her birthday, Verlene had the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as her marriage on February 18, 1945, to Melvin Karsten (deceased) and the births of their offspring; and

Whereas, God has blessed Verlene Karsten with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include her children and their spouses, Larry and Jacque Karsten of Nevada, Carol and J.B. Smith of Craig, and Vicki and Ridge Yates of Mound City; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Verlene Karsten has further distinguished herself by working as the assistant food manager at the Mound City Nutrition Site; and

Whereas, at the respectable age of 80, Verlene Karsten is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received throughout the course of her long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Verlene Karsten at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri octogenarian Verlene Karsten, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Brad Lager
District No. 4

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 430, adopted February 5, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker